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Experience a different 9 to 5
with a summer job at the
Department of Conservation

Ranger (Biodiversity)

Location	Te Anau, Fiordland District
Dates of Employment	October 2026 to May 2027
Salary	Salary range based on skills and experience is \$61,189 - \$67,446

Mō te tūranga | About the role

As a Ranger based in Te Anau within the Biodiversity work group, this role supports conservation fieldwork across Fiordland National Park and surrounding areas. The position focuses on delivering predator control, species monitoring, and ecosystem protection across some of New Zealand's most remote and diverse environments. You will work both independently and as part of a team, often in challenging backcountry locations, contributing to meaningful conservation outcomes.

Key Tasks

- Undertake predator control and monitoring on offshore islands and mainland sites
- Carry out weed and invasive species control
- Maintain predator control tracks using hand tools and machinery
- Complete data entry, trail camera analysis, and reporting
- Undertake quarantine procedures and biosecurity practices
- Prepare for and pack down field trips, including gear cleaning and logistics
- Work across remote locations accessed by car, boat, and helicopter
- Assist with species monitoring programmes as required

Ngā pūkenga me ngā wheako | Skills and experience

- Backcountry experience including navigation, river crossing, and remote travel
- Understanding of conservation practices, particularly predator control
- Experience or familiarity with trapping, weed control, and track maintenance
- High level of physical fitness for demanding outdoor work
- Ability to work in a wide range of weather and environmental conditions
- Strong commitment to health, safety, and wellbeing
- Ability to work independently in isolated environments and as part of a small team
- Strong interpersonal skills and a willingness to contribute across all aspects of the role
- Ability to work away from home for extended periods

- Full New Zealand driver's licence
- First Aid certification
- GROWSAFE certification
- Chainsaw qualification
- Microsoft Office suite

Desirable:

- **Freshwater focus:** Knowledge of freshwater ecosystems and species, with experience in freshwater project work preferred. Familiarity with eDNA sampling techniques and the ability to support freshwater monitoring projects would be advantageous.
- **Weed control focus:** Experience in weed management and spraying operations, including working in remote locations such as the Fiordland coastline. Holding a GrowSafe certificate is preferred, or willingness to obtain one upon employment.

Mō te tīma | About the team/Location

Work takes place across Te Rua-o-te-Moko/Fiordland National Park (1.2 million hectares) and surrounding conservation land, including offshore islands, alpine environments, forests, and coastal ecosystems.

Te Anau offers a strong community environment with access to a wide range of outdoor recreation opportunities including tramping, climbing, hunting, and water-based activities.

Additional Information

Roster: Mostly Monday to Friday, though fieldwork often includes working weekends and public holidays; flexible hours required.

Accommodation: Not provided in Te Anau; candidates are advised to secure accommodation early

Number of positions: 2

Me he pātai anō, whakapā mai | For further enquiries

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